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Amendments to Abstract:

Please delete the original Abstract in its entirety and replace it with the following Abstract:

A starting motor 5 of an internal combustion engine 1 drives an input/output pulley 10 through a belt 11. Auxiliary machinery 6, 7 and 8 is driven by the engine 1 though the belt 11 while the engine is in operation. The starting motor 5 drives the auxiliary machinery 6, 7 and 8 through the belt 11 while the engine is in standstill. A speed change mechanism 41 transmits rotation of the starting motor 5 at a high gear ratio to the engine to start the same, and transmits rotation of an engine output shaft 2 at a lower gear ratio to the motor 5 to make the motor 5 generate power while the engine is in operation. The speed change mechanism 41 overlaps the pulley 10 at least partially axially of the output shaft 2. The pulley 10 defines an oil chamber 39 for containing lubricate oil.